

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system comprising a transmitter for transmitting a plurality of control messages relating to a broadcast stream to a receiver, each of said control messages being associated with information relating to a transmission time for control messages that are to be transmitted in the future.
2. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein said control messages include the future transmission time information.
3. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the transmission time information comprises information relating to the transmission time of the next control message to be transmitted.
4. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the transmission time information comprises a schedule of transmission time information for future control messages.
5. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the transmission time information comprises information defining the transmission time of the next control message that contains content different from content previously transmitted.
6. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein said control messages are intended for a specified address and the future transmission time information comprises information as to when future messages are to be sent to the specified address.

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7. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 6, wherein the specified address comprises an address of a smart card, a predetermined group of smart cards or all smart cards.

8. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the control messages comprise entitlement management messages.

9. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the control messages comprise entitlement control messages.

10. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the transmitter is also configured to transmit the broadcast stream.

11. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the transmitter for transmitting the control messages comprises a first transmitter and the system further comprises a second transmitter for transmitting the broadcast stream.

12. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 11, wherein the control messages sent from the first transmitter comprise entitlement management messages.

13. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 12, wherein the broadcast stream includes entitlement control messages.

14. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 1, wherein the transmission time information further comprises information defining transmission parameters for the control messages.

15. (Withdrawn) A conditional access system according to claim 14, wherein the transmission parameters include information on the bearers, or on the networks or on the operators providing the control messages.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A receiver for use in a conditional access system An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that in response to execution by the processor cause the apparatus to at least perform the following:~~

~~an input module for receiving a plurality of control messages relating to broadcast content and comprising information for determining whether a subscriber has a right to view the broadcast content or information required to decrypt the broadcast content, each of said control messages being associated with time information relating to a transmission time for control messages which are to be transmitted to the a receiver in the future; and~~

~~a selective activation module for selectively activating the receiver to receive the future control messages at the transmission time.~~

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A receiver An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the selective activation module includes a processor module for the memory stores executable instructions that in response to execution by the processor cause the apparatus to further perform the following:~~

~~extracting said transmission time information from said control messages.~~

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A receiver An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the selective activation module include a controller for selectively activating the receiver comprises setting a power-up time for the receiver based on said transmission time information.~~

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A receiver An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the controller is configured to set the setting a power-up time comprises setting up a power up time to take account of delays in powering up the receiver.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A receiver An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the controller is configured to monitor selectively activating the receiver further comprises monitoring the power-up time and to turn turning on the receiver when the power-up time is reached.

21. (Currently Amended) A receiver An apparatus according to claim 16, comprising a mobile receiver apparatus.

22. (Currently Amended) A mobile receiver An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the mobile apparatus is configured in accordance with the Digital Video Broadcasting DVB-H specification.

23. (Currently Amended) A receiver An apparatus according to claim 16, configured to request wherein the memory stores executable instructions that in response to execution by the processor cause the apparatus to further perform the following:
requesting the transmission time information independently of the control messages.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a conditional access system, in which a receiver is configured to receive a plurality of control messages that are associated with comprising information for determining whether a subscriber has a right to view a broadcast or information required to decrypt the broadcast and including transmission time information relating to a transmission time of future control messages, the method comprising selectively activating the receiver to receive the future control messages at the transmission time.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 24, further comprising incorporating said time information into each of the control messages.

26. (Currently Amended) A conditional access system. An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that in response to execution by the processor cause the apparatus to at least perform the following:

a transmitter for transmitting preparing a plurality of control messages comprising information for determining whether a subscriber has a right to view a broadcast or information required to decrypt the broadcast, each of the messages including information relating to a predetermined transmission time for future control messages; and

directing transmission of the control messages to a receiver for receiving the control messages; and, the control messages being transmitted to the receiver for a selective activation module for selectively activating activate the receiver to receive the future control message at the predetermined time.

27. (Currently Amended) A mobile transceiver for use in a conditional access system, the mobile transceiver being configured to request An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that in response to execution by the processor cause the apparatus to at least perform the following:

requesting transmission time information for conditional access messages to be transmitted in the future, the transceiver further being configured to receive;

receiving the transmission time information, wherein the transceiver includes a selective activation module for; and

selectively turning on a receiver to receive the messages at a time that substantially coincides with the future conditional access message transmission time.

28. (Currently Amended) A mobile transceiver An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the conditional access messages comprise entitlement management messages.

29. (Currently Amended) A mobile transceiver An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the transmission time information is sent received in a messaging service format.

30. (Currently Amended) A mobile transceiver An apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the messaging service format comprises SMS or MMS.

31. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a mobile transceiver in a conditional access system, the mobile transceiver being configured to request transmission time information for conditional access messages to be transmitted in the future, the transceiver further being configured to receive the transmission time information, the method comprising selectively turning on a receiver to receive the messages at a time that substantially coincides with the future conditional access message transmission time.

32. (Withdrawn) A subscription authorisation system for use in a conditional access system to provide a plurality of control messages to a receiver, the control messages relating to a service provided to the receiver by a service provider, each of said control messages being associated with information relating to a transmission time for control messages that are to be transmitted in the future.

33. (Withdrawn) A subscription authorisation system according to claim 32, in which the control messages are provided by the service provider.

34. (Withdrawn) A subscription authorisation system according to claim 33, in which the control messages are provided from the service provider to a transmitter for onward transmission to the receiver.

35. (Cancelled)